

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF
THE INSPECTORS
OF THE
STATE ALMSHOUSE
AT
TEWKSBURY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1875.

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INSPECTORS' REPORT.

To His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council.

The Inspectors of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury respectfully present their Twenty-second Annual Report.

The reports of the Superintendent and Physician, which accompany this, present the statistics of the institution in detail, giving full information as to the number and character of the inmates for the past year, and their sanitary condition, and of the expenses of the institution and of the produce of the farm.

The average weekly number of inmates has been 844, forty-one less than for last year. The average weekly cost of their support has been \$2.18, against \$2 for 1874. This increased cost is mainly due to the more liberal provision for attendance on the sick, and in supplying their wants.

At the last session of the legislature, a special appropriation of \$2,600 was made, to provide for the erection of a building to be used by the men as a keeping-room, and of \$2,700 for increasing and improving the cooking apparatus. Under this authority we have put up a brick building for the purpose first mentioned. This gives two large, cheerful and airy sitting-rooms, with all needed conveniences connected with them. It was expected, at the time our estimates were presented to the legislature, to erect a wooden building, but, upon reflection, we thought better to build with brick, both as a matter of taste, having regard to its harmony of appear-

ance with the other buildings, and as consulting true economy in the increased stability and permanence in the structure, although at the risk of slightly exceeding the appropriation. This building is now completed, and nearly ready for occupancy.

The sum granted for cooking apparatus has been used for that purpose, and the result is that we now have this apparatus ample in capacity and variety for the needs of the institution. A commodious room has been provided for the hospital kitchen, nearer the hospital, and adjoining and opening into the main cooking-room. The present arrangement for cooking for the inmates is very satisfactory.

In our last report, we stated that preparations were being made for fencing yards for the insane patients and convalescents. These fences are now built, and the yards, when cleared up and graded, will give this class of the inmates pleasant and roomy grounds, in which to enjoy the out-door air and sunlight.

At the time the appropriations just mentioned were asked for, the legislature was also petitioned to grant \$6,400, for remodelling the interior of the insane hospital, by a division of the rooms, according to a plan submitted, so that a classification of the inmates would be feasible. A Resolve granting this amount was reported by the committee having the matter in charge, but, in passing through the legislature, was reduced to \$2,500, and as, according to the most careful estimate, this was not half of what would be needed to complete the contemplated improvement, we have as yet made no use of the appropriation, though we have not fully determined that it may not be expedient to expend it as far as it will go, by way of experiment, taking the eastern wing of the insane hospital, which is in more need of repairs than the rest of the building.

Considerable progress has been made in the excavation and stoning up of a basin, as a reservoir for water, upon the ground south of the buildings. All the labor that could be spared from the more urgent demands has been employed here.

At the risk of appearing unduly persistent, we earnestly second the recommendations of the Superintendent in regard to the need of increased barn room, as we have done in our previous reports.

Dr. J. M. Whitaker, who at the date of our last report was in the exclusive charge of the insane, resigned his position, to take effect the first day of May last, and since that time all the inmates of the institution have been under the medical care of Dr. Nichols and Miss Marsh, M. D.

Dr. Nichols, after seven years of service here, in consequence of age and increasing infirmity, has resigned his office, taking effect October 1. This vacancy has been filled by the appointment of William H. Lathrop, M. D., recently the physician in charge of the Wayne County Asylum for Poor and Insane, in Michigan, near the city of Detroit, an institution quite similar in its general character to ours. Dr. Lathrop is in the prime of active life. He is a native of Massachusetts, a graduate of Harvard College and of Pennsylvania University, and is recommended to us by those intimately acquainted with his personal and professional character, as possessed of eminent fitness for this important post, an opinion which we trust his future career here will fully justify. In parting with Dr. Nichols, we desire to express our appreciation of his long period of skilful service, and our regret in losing our pleasant association with him. Miss Helen M. Marsh, M. D., has, during the past year, discharged the duties of Assistant Physician with promptness and fidelity.

Our acknowledgments are due to Mr. Charles B. Marsh, for the taste and skill by which he has adorned the grounds with shrubs and flowers, thus giving beauty and attractiveness to this home of the homeless.

We are able to cordially recommend the general superintendence and management of the institution for the past year, and to ask for it a continuance of the bounty of the State.

F. H. NOURSE,
D. E. SAFFORD,
GEO. P. ELLIOT,
Inspectors.

SALARIES.

Francis H. Nourse (Inspector),	\$160 00
Daniel E. Safford (Inspector),	160 00
George P. Elliot (Inspector),	160 00
Thomas J. Marsh (Superintendent),	1,800 00
N. F. Marsh (Matron),	300 00
James M. Whitaker (Physician for Insane, to May 1), .	875 00
Joseph D. Nichols (Physician),	1,200 00
Thomas J. Marsh, Jr. (Assistant Superintendent), .	1,000 00
Helen E. Marsh (Assistant Matron),	241 50
John H. Cocker (Engineer),	1,200 00
Sarah E. Cocker (Assistant Matron to Sept. 1), .	220 20
James Poor (Farmer),	600 00
Charles B. Marsh (Clerk),	716 65
William F. Holt (Baker),	600 00
David A. Gorham (Cook),	480 00
Mary E. Gorham (Hospital Cook),	252 00
Charles E. Bradford (Supervisor of the Insane), .	420 00
Agnes N. Bradford (Supervisor of the Insane), .	252 00
Emmons French (Supervisor of the Insane), . .	420 00
Frances M. French (Supervisor of the Insane), .	252 00
Helen M. Marsh (Assistant Physician),	800 00
Lemuel French (Nurse),	300 00
Clarence B. Sanborn (Gatekeeper),	300 00
Thaxter Reed (Watchman),	360 00
Thomas J. Hall (Assistant Farmer),	336 16
Charlotte A. Thomas (Assistant Matron),	252 00
Harriet H. Kimball (Assistant Matron),	252 00
Martha B. Marsh (Assistant Matron),	252 00
N. S. Feslor (Laundress to Sept. 15),	241 50
Mary E. Burbank, (Cook),	252 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$14,655 01</i>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	. . . . .	\$14,655 01
Gardner S. Pasho (Nurse),	. . . . .	420 00
James W. Lawrence (Assistant Nurse),	. . . . .	240 00
John Kenny (Assistant Nurse from Dec. 10),	. . . . .	194 19
Susan P. Wardwell (Nurse),	. . . . .	313 69
Agnes Calder (Nurse),	. . . . .	261 41
Catherine M. B. Pasho (Assistant Nurse),	. . . . .	237 34
Sarah McKinnon (Assistant Nurse to Sept. 1),	. . . . .	205 34
Ida M. Kingsley (Assistant Nurse to Dec. 1),	. . . . .	38 10
Warren Frost (Assistant Farmer to July 1),	. . . . .	270 00
Gorham G. Jones (Teamster),	. . . . .	355 00
Hiram N. Luce (Assistant Farmer to March 28),	. . . . .	177 10
Morris G. Clough (Assistant Farmer to June 30),	. . . . .	66 67
John H. Clark (Assistant Farmer to March 24),	. . . . .	154 73
Ellis Libby (Assistant Farmer to Oct. 31),	. . . . .	25 00
Elmer Dane (Assistant Farmer from March 29 to June 30),	. . . . .	77 42
Sarah A. Rowell (Assistant Nurse from Dec. 16),	. . . . .	183 49
George W. Colbath (Assistant Farmer from July 9),	. . . . .	99 40
Silas B. Carr (Assistant Farmer from July 7),	. . . . .	63 91
Frank P. Elliot (Assistant Farmer from July 7),	. . . . .	70 16
Jeremiah C. Ordway (Assistant Farmer from July 2),	. . . . .	84 20
Isaac L. Bickford (Assistant Farmer from August 4),	. . . . .	47 68
Wayland Sargent (Assistant Farmer from July 6),	. . . . .	70 97
Asa M. Peabody (Assistant Nurse from Oct. 1 to Oct. 3),	. . . . .	2 42
Sarah W. Dalton (Assistant Matron from Aug. 30),	. . . . .	21 70
Horace W. Locke (Lauderer from Sept. 16),	. . . . .	12 50
Hattie B. Locke (Laundress from Sept. 16),	. . . . .	10 50
Sarah M. Bailey (Assistant Nurse from Sept. 1),	. . . . .	21 00

\$18,378 93

Live-stock,	\$9,862 00
Carriages and agricultural tools,	5,262 00
Machinery and mechanical tools,	33,294 50
Beds and bedding,	14,810 30
Other furniture and property,	12,557 18
Personal property in Superintendent's department,	8,507 95
Ready-made clothing,	11,794 67
Dry goods,	804 42
Drugs and medicines,	961 44
Provisions and groceries,	3,562 01
Fuel,	10,549 18
Library,	855 00
Products of the farm on hand,	10,609 14
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	\$123,429 79
Real estate (buildings),	\$216,580 00
Land,	23,290 00
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	239,870 00
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	\$363,299 79

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true schedule and appraisal of the personal property and real estate at the State Almshouse at Tewksbury belonging to the State of Massachusetts, September 30, 1875.

The appraisal was made by us, and is correct according to our best judgment.

(Signed)

PEDRICK & CLOSSON,
Appraisers.

Then personally appeared before me Wm. R. Pedrick, and made oath that the foregoing schedule and appraisal is correct, according to his best knowledge and belief.

ESSEX ss. Before me this fourth (4th) day of October, 1875.

(Signed)

H. F. HOPKINS,
Justice of the Peace.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Inspectors of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury.

GENTLEMEN :—In presenting the Twenty-second Annual Report of this institution, it affords me pleasure to be able to state that during the year just passed, which has been fruitful in calamities of fire and flood, we have suffered no unusual disturbance. Considering the condition of the unfortunates who have been sent to us from all parts of the Commonwealth, with constitutions impaired and broken by disease and dissipation, the mortality has not been unusual or alarming.

The proportion of able-bodied males or females who are able to contribute anything to the labor required in an institution of this kind is small indeed ; the larger portion are either subjects for hospital treatment, or those advanced in years, who require a shelter where they may pass the small remnant of time allotted them, in comfort and quiet.

In my report of last year, I gave you a general review of the condition of the institution in the years that have passed, giving you a statement of the changes in the purposes of the institution and the character of its inmates, and I consider it unnecessary to go over that ground again.

The necessity for increased and improved cooking apparatus, which was fully presented to you last year, has been met, and by the liberality of the legislature we have been enabled to refurnish the general and hospital cook-rooms to our entire satisfaction, and, with our improved arrangements for cooking, we are now in a condition to adopt the revised diet-table which was prepared and presented a year ago.

We have erected and almost completed a good, substantial brick building, with slated roof, to be occupied by the men

as a keeping-room. It will be ready for occupancy in a few days.

The new yards for the insane and convalescent sick have been completed, and are now in use, adding largely to the comfort of those for whom they were intended.

Our laundry accommodations have for a long time been limited, making the labor in that department unnecessarily severe. We have this year made an addition of a room about twenty feet square, which has been paid for out of the regular appropriation, and two new washing-machines, which will cost about a thousand dollars.

The reservoir which has been in course of construction for several years, has this year received considerable attention, and one end of it, comprising about one-half, has been completed. We are in hopes this will materially aid us in obtaining a supply of water.

The yard in the immediate vicinity of the main building, and upon which all the buildings front, has been improved and made pleasing to the eye, by the removal of high fences, and the addition of concrete walks, trees and beds of flowers which have imparted an attractive appearance to what was once an unsightly piece of ground, and given an air of cheerfulness to the entire premises.

The farm remains under the same management as in former years; all the available help has been employed in making improvements thereon, and the products, as shown in Table No. 5, have been abundant.

A year ago I called your attention to a great deficiency, and the same condition of things exists to-day, with this difference,—that the deficiency of milk has been supplied by purchasing it, as will be seen by referring to Table No. 4. I will quote from last year's report: "There has long been a deficiency of milk, which is so indispensable for the proper nutrition of children and the insane. The quantity produced the past year averages about sixty-five gallons per day, or but little over half a pint for each person on the premises. This amount should at least be doubled. It is not desirable to buy outside, for we cannot depend on its quality or condition of freshness. It is, moreover, much cheaper to make it, in view of the benefit accruing to the farm. But the obstacle

of past years remains. We have no barn room. This deficiency has been repeatedly pointed out in former reports, but has for some reason been overlooked. I trust you will make an appeal to the legislature for this pressing need, and that our invalids may receive a full supply of the cheap and nutritious diet called for by their medical advisers."

We are still receiving almost every week troublesome cases of delirium tremens, and I would again call your attention to the fact that we have no suitable place for confining or restraining them. I am satisfied that some improvement in the quarters for this class should be made as soon as practicable.

The whole number supported during the year has been 2,936, which is less by 643 than appears in Table No. 2, the latter number being nominal admissions under the Act of 1860.

The average weekly number has been 844, a decrease of 41 from the average of last year.

The number of persons sentenced to the State Workhouse is 314, and with them have been sent 21 infants, of mothers sentenced; 196 persons have been transferred to the State Primary School at Monson.

The number of deaths has been 325, 11 more than in 1874.

There are remaining in the institution at the present time 792, being 13 less than at the beginning of the year. The remainder have been removed by the general agent of the board of state charities, or discharged at their own request.

The total amount drawn from the treasury for the current		
expenses of the year has been,	.	\$96,371 70
Received for articles sold,	.	\$572 09
from effects of inmates who		
have died or absconded,	204 30	
from discount on bill,	1 94	
		778 33
Making the gross expenditure,	.	\$95,593 37

Dividing the gross expenditure, \$95,593.37, by the average weekly number, 844, we have \$113.26, the annual

cost of each inmate, which is a weekly cost of \$2.18. For statistics and information connected with the hospital department, I will refer you to the accompanying report of the Physician.

The Rev. Messrs. Fletcher and Colby of Billerica, and French and Thomas of Tewksbury, have performed, alternately, the duties of chaplain throughout the year. The Rev. Edmund Buckle of Lowell has visited the hospitals regularly once a week during the year, and oftener, as he has been requested, ministering to those of the Catholic faith who have desired his services, and since the last Sabbath in January he has held services according to the forms of the Catholic Church,—one Sabbath in each month having the entire day at his disposal.

I wish here to return thanks to John F. McEvoy, Esq., of Lowell, and to the ladies and gentlemen accompanying him, who visited the institution Sunday, May 30, with Rev. Mr. Buckle, and added greatly to the interest of the services by their excellent vocal music on the occasion.

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the kindness and liberality of Patrick Donahoe, Esq., of the "Pilot," in sending us, free of expense, for a number of years, a copy of his paper, which has been read with interest by a large number of inmates. To E. G. MacLellan, Esq., of Boston, thanks are due, and cheerfully given, for a generous supply of magazines and periodicals, which he sent us at his own expense on two occasions. This reading-matter has been an unfailing source of amusement and profit to the inmates of all departments of the institution, and I shall be glad to acknowledge further contributions of this character from any source.

The walls of our hospitals, and the asylum for the insane, are painfully plain, and we should be glad to change this barren appearance by the addition of plates or chromos of suitable character.

To all who have the welfare and comfort of this class of people at heart, I would say that there now appears to be no good reason why they should not acquaint themselves with the provisions which a liberal Commonwealth has made for its unfortunate charges. The railroad facilities for reaching the institution from all directions are excellent, either by the

Boston and Lowell (Lawrence branch), Lowell and Lawrence, Salem and Lowell, or the Boston and Maine railroads (Lowell and Andover Branch), or by private conveyance. The time occupied in coming from Boston is about forty-five minutes, without change of cars. The fare is sixty cents, and a carriage is at the depot on the arrival of almost every train. We shall be happy to welcome and show through the institution all who may wish to come, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, holidays excepted.

To all who have been associated with me in the administration of the affairs of the past year, I return my sincere thanks for their contributions toward the success of the various measures proposed, and their faithfulness in their separate departments. I would also acknowledge the aid which has been given me by the inmates by their general good conduct and assistance whenever called upon. The pleasing duty remains to thank you, gentlemen, for your continued interest in the institution; your many valuable suggestions; your repeated visits to all departments; and your good-will and courtesy to myself and family.

THOS. J. MARSH,
Superintendent.

STATEMENT NO. 1.

Statistics of Department of the Insane.

	Total.	Males.	Females.
Remaining in this department September 30, 1874,	319	94	225
Admitted during the year,	92	20	72
Discharged during the year,	63	16	47
Deaths during the year,	58	18	40
Desertions during the year,	4	4	—
Whole number admitted,	1,421	569	852
Whole number discharged,	872	375	497
Remaining in this department September 30, 1875,	286	76	210

STATEMENT NO. 2.

Number in the house at the commencement of the year,	805
Admitted during the year,	2,131
Discharged during the year,	2,144
Supported during the year,	2,936
Deaths during the year,	325
Births during the year,	55
Weekly average,	844
Present number,	792

Of the 2,774 admitted during the year, there were from—

Boston,	1,650
Tewksbury,	189
Lowell,	134
Springfield,	92
Fall River,	85
Lawrence,	69
Births,	55
Worcester,	53
Salem,	27
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	26
Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	22
New Bedford,	21
Cambridge,	19
Peabody,	13
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	13
Lynn,	13
Fitchburg,	12
Haverhill,	11

Holyoke,	10
Adams, Newburyport and Somerville, 8 each,	24
Ashburnham, Bridgewater Workhouse, Buckland, Holden and Webster, 7 each,	35
Gloucester, Milford, Montague, State Primary School, Stoneham and Stow, 6 each,	36
Chelsea, Clinton, Gardner, Medford and Monterey, 5 each,	25
Attleborough, Methuen, Palmer, Wakefield, Watertown and Woburn, 4 each,	24
Dracut, Dudley, Groton, Leominster, Lexington, Northampton, South Sudbury, Templeton and Wareham, 3 each,	27
Andover, Beverly, Bridgewater, Brockton, Chicopee, Concord, Danvers, Dartmouth, Everett, Foxborough, Grafton, Greenfield, Lee, Monson, Needham, North Adams, Northbridge, Oxford, Pittsfield, Reading, Sheffield and Westport, 2 each,	44
Agawam, Ayer, Amesbury, Belchertown, Braintree, Blackstone, Brimfield, Brookfield, Boxford, Conway, Douglas, Easthampton, Essex, Fairhaven, Framingham, Great Barrington, Groveland, Harvard, Hyde Park, Malden, Medway, Melrose, Milton, Natick, Newton, North Brookfield, North Reading, Orleans, Pepperell, Phillipston, Plymouth, Quincy, Raynham, Rutland, Salisbury, Sutton, Townsend, Wales, Waltham, Ware, West Springfield, Wayland, Williamsburg, Wilmington and Winchester, 1 each,	45
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The following table shows the number admitted each month, sex and age:—

MONTHS.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Under 10.	Between 10 and 20.	Between 20 and 30.	Between 30 and 40.	Between 40 and 50.	Between 50 and 60.	Between 60 and 70.	Between 70 and 80.	Over 80.
1874.												
October, .	157	100	57	40	17	32	19	13	13	11	11	1
November, .	178	127	51	24	7	64	25	20	16	16	4	2
December, .	233	165	68	23	16	81	38	23	26	12	13	1
1875.												
January, .	210	153	57	33	23	67	41	19	12	9	4	2
February, .	156	93	63	16	11	54	35	15	13	6	5	1
March, .	212	146	66	22	18	75	46	26	11	8	4	2
April, .	152	93	59	25	11	35	23	17	18	9	14	—
May, .	158	92	66	22	11	40	26	20	22	9	7	1
June, .	157	98	59	42	13	28	20	20	13	17	4	—
July, .	165	106	59	33	23	26	19	25	20	9	10	—
August, .	169	104	65	33	13	44	31	13	18	7	7	3
September, .	827	493	334	176	122	195	161	80	40	17	7	30
Total, .	2,774	1,770	1,004	489	285	741	484	291	222	129	90	43

STATEMENT NO. 3.

Nativity of Inmates.

Ireland,	955
Massachusetts,	500
England,	299
British Provinces,	204
New York,	119
Maine,	102
Unknown,	75
New Hampshire,	63
Germany,	55
Scotland,	50
Connecticut,	35
Pennsylvania,	30
Virginia,	30
Rhode Island,	27
Vermont,	21
Sweden,	17
New Jersey,	15
France,	14
Maryland,	12
Italy,	11
West Indies,	10
Western Islands,	10
North Carolina,	9
Ohio,	8
Switzerland,	8
Louisiana,	7
Poland,	7
Spain,	6
Denmark, Illinois and Michigan, 5 each,	15
District of Columbia, Georgia, Kentucky and Norway, 4 each,	16
Belgium, Delaware, Portugal, Tennessee and Wisconsin, 3 each,	15
At sea, Africa, Asia, Australia, California, Holland, India, Missouri, Prussia and Russia, 2 each,	20
Bavaria, Finland, Greece, Indiana, Madagascar, San Domingo, South Carolina, Wales and Washington Territory, 1 each,	9
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2,774	

STATEMENT NO. 4.

Cash Disbursements.

Appraisal of property,	\$100 00
Beans, 245 $\frac{2}{3}$ bushels,	530 60
Beds and bedding,	834 73
Beef (fresh), 51,955 $\frac{1}{4}$ pounds,	3,216 09
Beef (salt), 39,802 pounds,	2,411 06

Books, stationery, etc.,	\$379 35
Brooms, 19 dozen,	77 75
Butter, 4,451 pounds,	1,420 14
Carriages and wagons,	974 65
Cement, lime and plaster,	284 65
Chaplain, services of,	265 00
Clothing,	4,770 93
Coal, 1,320 tons, 100 baskets charcoal,	10,347 18
Coffee, 4,035 pounds,	1,183 86
Corn, 2,057 bushels,	1,848 70
Cloth (cotton), 5,425½ yards,	520 54
Crockery and glassware,	412 83
Dry goods,	1,673 84
Eggs, 60 dozen,	16 74
Expressage,	142 69
Fertilizing compounds,	13 68
Flour, 1,617 barrels,	10,318 25
Fish (fresh and salt), 47,748 pounds,	2,061 04
Furniture,	296 60
Gasoline, 4,189 gallons,	846 16
Groceries,	862 03
Hardware,	406 98
Hay, English, 122 $\frac{522}{2000}$ tons,	2,121 17
Hay, meadow, 12 $\frac{370}{2000}$ tons,	131 37
Hay, salt, 191 $\frac{275}{2000}$ tons,	294 56
Hops, 160 pounds,	76 74
Improvements,	5,107 29
Labor,	828 32
Live-stock,	1,146 40
Lumber,	1,384 70
Meats and provisions,	1,201 82
Medicines,	1,203 96
Milk, 30,524 quarts,	1,526 20
Molasses, 255 gallons,	128 62
Oats, 340 bushels,	251 50
Oil, 185 gallons,	213 30
Paints, oils and colors,	385 00
Painting,	221 15
Pasturage,	166 00
Pepper, 200 pounds,	59 67
Pease, 110 $\frac{46}{60}$ bushels,	198 81
Repairs,	2,395 71
Rice, 3,508 pounds,	260 81
Salaries,	18,378 93
Salt, 90 sacks,	109 75
Seeds,	213 05
Shoe stock and tools,	239 79
Shorts, 211 $\frac{050}{240}$ tons,	570 44
Shoes, 1,357 pairs,	1,714 52

Smith work,	\$81 50
Soap, 17,040 pounds,	933 17
Starch, 485 pounds,	66 99
Stone work,	58 75
Stoves,	122 93
Straw, $49\frac{1891}{2000}$ tons,	1,049 54
Sugar, 25,079 pounds,	2,449 97
Tea, 2,712 pounds,	1,374 04
Tin ware,	193 38
Tobacco, 1,198 pounds,	595 86
Tools (agricultural),	98 34
Tools (mechanical),	3 38
Trial Justice (services of),	320 00
Transportation of freight,	1,285 36
Transportation of passengers,	383 72
Vinegar (making), 320 gallons,	6 40
Woodenware,	145 66
Wood, $148\frac{1}{4}$ cords,	457 06
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	\$96,371 70

STATEMENT NO. 5.

Products of the Farm.

Sweet corn, 50 bushels.	Egg plants, 75.
Sweet corn fodder, 4 tons.	Tomatoes, 75 bushels.
Carrots, 10 bushels.	Cauliflower, 200 heads.
Grapes, 2 bushels.	Celery, 300 heads.
Onions, 100 bushels.	Salsify, 5 bushels.
Beets, 50 bushels.	Leeks, 5 bushels.
Turnips, 366 bushels.	Potatoes, 3,000 bushels.
Cabbage, 10,900 heads.	Roots, 90 tons.
Meadow bedding, 2 tons.	Hay, $101\frac{750}{2000}$ tons.
Apples, 2 barrels.	Hay (second crop), $32\frac{1390}{2000}$ tons.
Ice, 150 tons.	Lettuce, 1,300 heads.
Melons, 700.	Pease, 225 bushels.
Shell beans, 32 bushels.	String beans, 47 bushels.
Greens, 54 bushels.	Summer squashes, 15 bushels.
Manure, 125 cords.	Cucumbers, 3,000 dozen.

The Meats slaughtered from the Stock of the Farm amount to—

Pork, 8,217 pounds.	Hides, 820 pounds.
Beef, 8,496 pounds.	Calfskin, 43 pounds.
Veal, 395 pounds.	

Dairy Products, etc.

Milk, 25,481 gallons.	Eggs, 952 dozen.
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STATEMENT NO. 6.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS in account with THOMAS J. MARSH, Superintendent.

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1874. Oct. 1,	To balance of appropriation of 1874, .	\$21,371 95	1874. Oct. 31, Nov. 30, Dec. 31,	By cash paid for supplies, " " " " balance,	\$8,346 35 7,492 40 5,533 07 13
1875.	To balance, . . . amount of appropriation, Chap. 57, Acts of 1875, . . .	\$0 13 1,621 75 \$1,621 88	1874. Dec. 31,	By cash paid for supplies, . . .	. . .	\$1,621 88
Mar. 11,	To amount of appropriation, Chap. 47, Acts of 1875, . . .	\$93,000 00	1875. Jan. 31, Feb. 28, Mar. 31, Apr. 30, May 31, June 30, July 31, Aug. 31, Sept. 30,	By cash paid for supplies, " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " unexpended balance, . . .	. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .	\$8,910 34 8,539 46 6,382 90 5,897 66 10,127 04 13,631 77 6,627 71 5,795 07 7,466 05 19,622 00
		\$93,000 00				\$93,000 00

STATEMENT No. 7.

Special appropriation for Keeping-room for Men.

DR.	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	THOMAS J. MARSH, Superintendent.	CR.
1875.		1875.	
May 7,	To amount of appropriation, Chap. 53, of the year 1875,	June 30, July 31, Aug. 31, Sept. 30,	By cash, amount of schedule, " " " " " " unexpended balance,
		\$2,600 00	\$1,353 65 589 90 168 23 486 19 2 03
		\$2,600 00	\$2,600 00

STATEMENT NO. 8.

Special appropriation for Increasing and Improving Cooking Apparatus.

DR.	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS in account with	THOMAS J. MARSH, Superintendent.	CR.
1875. May 7,	To amount of appropriation, Chap. 53, of the year 1875,		
		1875. June 30, July 31, Aug. 31, Sept. 30,	
			By cash, amount of schedule, . . . \$877 39 " " " " " 1,455 51 " " " " " 70 82 " " " " " 295 37 unexpended balance, . . . 91
			\$2,700 00

STATEMENT NO. 9.
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS in account with THOMAS J. MARSH, Superintendent.

Dr. Cr.

1875.	1875.	1875.	By cash paid State Treasurer,	\$778 33
To amount received for articles sold, .	\$572 09			
amount received from effects of in-	204 30			
mates who have died or absconded,	1 94			
discount on bill,				
	<u>\$778 33</u>			<u>\$778 33</u>

THOS. J. MARSH, Superintendent.

This may certify that we have examined the foregoing account of Thomas J. Marsh with the Commonwealth, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

F. H. NOURSE,
D. E. SAFFORD, }
GEO. P. ELLIOT, } Inspectors.

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Inspectors of the State Almshouse, Tewksbury.

GENTLEMEN :—After fifteen years' service in this and a kindred institution, I have the honor to present you my last Almshouse Report, and which will constitute the Twenty-second Annual Report of the Medical Department of this institution.

We have escaped the visitation of the small-pox, and all other epidemics, during the past year. The cases of scarlet fever reported were brought in here during the stage of incubation, the disease having been contracted in various sections of the State where scarlet fever prevailed during the fall months. There were indeed two or three exceptions, where the disease originated here, but these were rather sporadic than epidemic.

Our bill of mortality has been a little larger than last year. There have been three hundred and twenty-five deaths, against three hundred and fourteen deaths of the year before. There have been fifty-eight deaths among the insane,—eighteen males and forty females. There have been a less number of foundlings sent to us during the past year, than there were the year before, but I am sorry to say that the mortality has not been lessened.

The following table will show the statistics of these poor waifs upon the sea of life :—

NAMES.	Age.	Admitted.	From.	Departure.
1874.				
John Smith, . . .	6 months,	Oct. 11,	Boston, . . .	Died, Nov. 7, 1874.
Emma Howe, . . .	1 week,	13,	" . . .	26, "
Francis Etwell, . . .	2 weeks,	27,	" . . .	2, "
John Sparrell, . . .	6 "	Nov. 12,	" . . .	14, "
Fred. Stevens, . . .	5 "	Dec. 9,	" . . .	Jan. 5, 1875.
Archibald Ford, . . .	3 months,	19,	" . . .	Dec. 28, 1874.
Isabella Willey, . . .	6 weeks,	29,	Salisbury, . . .	Jan. 15, 1875.
Eleanor Whiting, . . .	3 "	29,	Boston, . . .	18, "
1875.				
Mary Sylvia, . . .	2 months,	Jan. 2,	Boston, . . .	Died, Jan. 20, 1875.
Mary J. Worcester, . . .	3 weeks,	16,	Worcester, . . .	Feb. 11, "
Gilbert Drew, . . .	3 months,	18,	Boston, . . .	Mar. 19, "
William Ellingwood, . . .	13 weeks,	20,	" . . .	Feb. 14, "
Benjamin Firm, . . .	5 "	29,	" . . .	Mar. 29, "
Mary E. Kane, . . .	5 "	Feb. 18,	Tewksbury, . . .	May 5, "
Mary E. Sullivan, . . .	2 "	18,	Boston, . . .	30, "
Belle Nestor, . . .	5 "	Mar. 3,	" . . .	July 30, "
John Fuller, . . .	4 "	13,	" . . .	Apr. 3, "
Charles Ashworth, . . .	3 "	15,	Fall River, . . .	May 4, "
Gertrude Johnson, . . .	1 week,	15,	Tewksbury, . . .	July 4, "
Jane Wilson, . . .	3 weeks,	May 19,	Wilmington, . . .	Aug. 5, "
Julia Angier, . . .	2 "	June 5,	Boston, . . .	2, "
Faith Turner, . . .	3 months,	25,	" . . .	July 4, "
Amos Ridley, . . .	6 weeks,	July 5,	" . . .	8, "
Margaret Welsh, . . .	2 "	12,	" . . .	20, "
Fred. Drift, . . .	6 "	29,	" . . .	Aug. 15, "
Mary Ishler, . . .	3 months,	Aug. 4,	" . . .	14, "
James Colsom, . . .	9 "	12,	" . . .	26, "

Moses G. Parker, M. D., of Lowell, a promising and enterprising young man, who has spent more than a year in the medical schools in London, Paris and Germany in perfecting himself in the science of surgery, especially of the eye and ear, to which he proposes, as specialties, to devote his time and talent, about a year ago volunteered to visit the institution once a week, and perform, gratuitously, any operation upon the eye or ear, or any other intricate surgery that might be required. This he has continued to do throughout the year, and his operations have been performed with neatness, skill and despatch.

I think Dr. Parker deserving of great praise for his services gratuitously rendered in behalf of suffering humanity.

The following table will show the number and character of these operations, and the result:—

Showing the Diseases of the Eye treated, and the operations performed at State Almshouse, Tewksbury, from October 1, 1874, to September 30, 1875, by Dr. M. G. PARKER, together with Age, Sex, Mental Condition, and the Result.

DISEASES AND OPERATIONS.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Insane Males.	Insane Females.	Age.	RESULT.
Abscess of orbit, with caries,	1	1	—	—	1	70	Cured; after operation, motion good.
Blepharitis,	8	4	4	—	—	15 to 20	Cured.
Cataract senile (Graefe, upwards),	2	—	2	—	—	70	{ O. D. } Cured; sees very small objects, pins on floor, colors in { O. S. } cloth.
Conjunctivitis (Granulus and pannus),	10	10	—	—	—	50 to 70	Four cured; six much improved.
Conjunctivitis phlyctenular,	6	4	2	—	—	15 to 20	Two cured; four much improved.
Dislocation of lens (Graefe, ext.),	1	—	1	—	—	85	Good.
Enucleation of eye-ball for sym. ophth.,	3	2	1	—	1	20 to 70	Good; ophthalmia in opposite eye stopped.
Entropium,	1	1	—	—	—	70	Good.
Iridectomy,	1	1	—	—	—	50	Not good from inflammation four days after operation.
Opacity of Cornea (Rothurnel),	10	3	4	2	1	15 to 80	Five cured; five improving under treatment.
Rerygium (Szokalski ligature),	1	1	—	—	—	87	Cured.
Strabismus Convergens,	1	1	—	—	—	4	"
Trichiasis (Scaeprel),	5	2	2	—	1	30 to 70	"
Tumor of lid removed,	1	1	—	—	—	60	"
Ulcer of cornea (vascular),	1	1	—	—	—	4	"
Ulcer of cornea,	3	2	1	—	—	2 to 5	"
Ulcer of cornea, with hypopyum (Sacmisch),	3	2	—	—	1	65 to 70	"
	58	35	16	2	5		{ Removed with Galvano caustic. The enlargement, commenced four years previous, caused insanity. On recovering from the ether, after operation, patient became sane, expressed gratitude for the removal, died four days after. Post-mortem examination showed parts to be doing well; the stomach, filled with straw rolled into balls, in all probability causing death. The straw and tumor can be seen at Harvard Medical Museum.
Clitoris, enlarged 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.,	1	—	—	—	1	35	Good.
Fungus Hæmatodes,	1	—	1	—	—	65	Cured.
Cancer of nose,	1	1	—	—	—	79	
	61	36	17	2	6		

A new feature has been added to the decorations of the place, which, I think, may be made to contribute largely to the comfort and happiness, especially of the sick. I allude to the conservatory built last fall, and which enabled our yards, the past summer, to be converted into a parterre of flowers, filling the air with their fragrance, and delighting the eye with their beauty.

“Like the smile from an old friend’s face on ours,
Are these stars of earth, God’s beautiful flowers.”

Those of the sick who are able to walk out, were enabled to enjoy a rich treat by feasting their eyes with their beauty; but many of the poor sufferers are confined on beds of languishment, and I noticed with great satisfaction the delight with which they gazed on an occasional bouquet, which, from time to time, was furnished them,—

“Kindling beaming smiles again,
In faded eyes that long had wept.”

I think these occasional contributions of flowers to those who are unable to leave their beds, might be made much more frequent; and who can say, that by such contributions, the heart of some poor sufferer might not be touched with the thought of Him—

“Whose breath perfumed them,
And whose pencil paints”?

Allow me to call your attention to the subject of decorating the walls of the hospitals with choice engravings, which will add much to their cheerfulness, and afford pleasure to the sick, by furnishing them with objects of interest and beauty, to cheer the loneliness of their long hours of pain and suffering.

“A thing of beauty is a joy forever.”

I must be allowed to say, even at the risk of egotism, that in all my connection with almshouse life, I have considered it my mission to contribute, as largely as in my power, to the comfort and happiness and well-being of those committed to my care, and if I have ever failed in accomplishing that result, it has been the fault of my head, and not of my heart.

I wish to bear testimony in favor of Mrs. Susan P. Wardwell and Mr. Gardner S. Pasho, for the untiring watchfulness, zeal and intelligence which they have devoted to the care of the sick committed to their charge.

You are respectfully referred to Tables Nos. 1, 2 and 3 for the statistics of life, death and disease.

Profoundly grateful for all the favors that have been extended to me, I respectfully take my leave of you, gentlemen, and of almshouse life.

J. D. NICHOLS, *Physician.*

STATE ALMSHOUSE, September 30, 1875.

TABLE No. 1.

Showing the Diseases at the State Almshouse, Tewksbury, the Whole and Monthly Number, and the Whole and Monthly Average, from October 1, 1874, to September 30, 1875.

DISEASES.	TOTAL.											
	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.
Amenorrhea,	1								1			
Anasarca,	5	1	1	1	1	1			1			
Atrophy,	5		1					3	1			
Bright's Disease,	8			1	1	2	1		2	1		
Cancer,	4			1			1		15	18	1	
Debility,	234	18	13	25	16	22	20	13	2		17	12
Dropsy,	5	1	1	1	2	1		3	2			
Fever,	32	3	1	2	1	8		2	3		1	7
“ Typhoid,	24	1	3	5	2	3	1	1			2	1
“ Intermittent,	17			1	2	1	1	1		3		
“ Scarlet,	16	1	1	6	4	1						
Menorrhagia,	1	1	1									
Ophthalmia,	21		2	4			1	3	3	1	1	
Parturition,	59	6	5	5	3	4	6	4	5	5	4	2
Peritonitis,	1				1							3
Rheumatism,	90	3	7	9	5	10	5	14	5	9	5	7
Scrofula,	11			2			1		3	2	1	1
Veneral,	125	11	11	13	6	8	11	12	17	16	6	8
<i>Diseases of the Alimentary Canal.</i>												
Cancrum Oris,	3							1			2	
Cholera Infantum,	7								1	1	3	2
“ Morbus,	9					1				1	4	3

TABLE No 1—Concluded.

DISEASES.	Total.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.
Colic,	3	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diarrhoea,	121	22	1	2	2	1	—	2	9	6	45	18	10
Enteritis,	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Gastritis,	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hemorrhoids,	5	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—
Tonsillitis,	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
<i>Diseases of Thorax.</i>													
Asthma,	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Bronchitis,	56	1	3	5	12	5	8	3	6	5	—	3	5
Congestion of Lungs,	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Croup,	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Catarrh,	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Phthisis,	107	20	11	4	8	5	10	7	10	11	12	7	2
Pleurisy,	17	1	—	2	3	1	2	—	3	—	2	2	1
Pneumonia,	22	3	2	1	10	—	2	1	1	1	—	1	—
Empyema,	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Heart Disease,	16	1	1	3	1	2	1	2	1	1	—	2	—
Hemoptysis,	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Diseases of Nervous Centres.</i>													
Alcoholismus,	35	1	3	3	2	—	3	2	3	2	4	7	5
Apoplexy,	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Anaurosis,	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Congestion of Brain,	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Convulsions,	4	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Epilepsy,	19	2	1	1	1	—	2	3	3	5	—	—	1

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TABLE NO. 3.

Showing the Number of Births in the Tewksbury State Almshouse, during each Month, from October 1, 1874, to September 30, 1875, the Sex, whether Illegitimate, Twins, or Still-born, and the Birthplace of the Mothers.

MONTHS.	Total.	Males.	Females.	ILLEGITIMATE.			Twins.	Still-born.	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHERS.				
				Males.	Females.	Total.			United States.	Ireland.	England.	British Prov- inces.	Other Coun- tries.
October, .	9	6	3	3	1	4	-	-	1	4	3	1	-
November, .	6	3	2	3	-	3	-	1	3	2	-	1	-
December, .	5	3	2	1	1	2	-	-	1	2	1	-	1
January, .	5	2	2	1	2	3	-	1	1	2	-	-	2
February, .	4	1	2	-	3	3	2	1	-	1	-	1	1
March, .	4	2	2	1	1	2	-	-	1	2	1	-	-
April, .	6	3	3	2	1	3	-	-	3	2	1	-	-
May, .	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	1	-	-
June, .	7	1	5	1	-	1	2	1	2	4	-	-	-
July, .	5	1	3	-	3	3	-	1	1	3	1	-	-
August, .	4	2	2	1	-	1	-	-	2	1	-	1	-
September, .	3	2	1	1	1	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
Total, .	62	26	29	14	13	27	4	7	17	26	8	4	5